

Fair Housing Commission Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2015
Municipal Office Annex, Conference Room B

Commission Members Present: Kay Gant, Chair
Nelson Zahler,
Katie Nash
Allen Beard, via conference call

Staff Present: Eileen Barnhard, CDBG Program Administrator
Matt Davis, Manager of Comprehensive Planning

Press: Nancy Lavin, Frederick News Post Reporter

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Kay Gant, Chair of the Fair Housing Commission.

The first order of business was the review of the November 2014 Minutes. A motion to accept the Minutes as presented made by Katie Nash, seconded by Nelson Zahler and all voted in favor.

New Business

Chair Kay Gant welcomed new commission member Allen Beard and expressed appreciation for his willingness to serve the community.

There is currently one (1) vacancy on the Commission; efforts are underway through advertisement by the City to enlist a city resident willing to serve. Commission members will promote the opportunity of the vacancy in the community to spark interest in serving.

Discussion led by K. Gant to be more visible in the community with attending three to four events annually. Commission discussed creating a display board with resource information when attending events. Efforts would include outreach to the local colleges for assistance from students, attending NAC meetings and the City's local channel 99. The purpose is to inform and educate the public on fair housing; staff member Matt Davis commented that mistakes are made more so than intentional discrimination. Overall the goal is educate and inform the public of fair housing.

Motion to explore the possibility of having a fair housing advertisement on channel 99 and attend NAC meetings to promote awareness made by Katie Nash and seconded by Nelson Zahler, all were in favor.

Further discussion on the process; commission members discussed various groups, agencies and types of housing that may be affected. The conclusion is that regardless of the housing unit; if a housing discrimination has occurred, the process would be same for all.

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Rules of Procedure – item tabled for discussion until next meeting.

Next meeting is set for Friday December 4, 2015 at 10:00 AM, Municipal Office Annex.

Motion to adjourn made by Nelson Zahler and seconded by Katie Nash, all in favor.

Meeting ended at 11:00 AM